Negro 'Y' Facilities Reported Inadequate

Charlotte, N. C. News
April 21, 1944

C. T. Perkins, executive secretary of the Second Street Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, in a report to the executives of Community Chest agencies today admitted that definite progress had been made in YMCA work for the Negroes and said that the lack of recreational facilities and an adequate building were great hindrances in the advancement of the organization here.

The agency executive has been with the Charlotte Negro organization for a year and in that time has increased the membership of the Second Street "Y" Branch from 7 to 500. Some of the other chest agency executives expressed amazement at this record, and Perkins explained that the original seven paid members were the board and that he and the board members had increased the membership through an education program and the co-operation of industrial firms here.

The agency executive pointed out that the peculiar distribution of Negro population, the high juvenile delinquency and crime rate, the low economic scale of housing and wages here, the migratory population and the lack of recreational facilities were all underlying factors affecting the YMCA work for Negroes.

"There's no swimming pool or gymnasium for the Negroes at all," he pointed out. "No church has a basement large enough for use as a recreation place for Negro young people. We do not have any facilities at the "Y", and there is a desperate need for them. The situation is appaling, but," he explained, smiling, "I'm not mad about it a bit. We just must have a building and recreational facilities for the Negro."

He pointed out that the present building, which is rented for $35 monthly with a no improvement clause, is entirely inadequate. Furniture is needed badly and painting should be done in the present headquarters, he said. The "Y" has made some improvements, and the few improvements have paid. Perkins explained that the building now had five stoves instead of one to heat the rooms, that more blankets had been secured, that some painting had been done. As a result, the dormitory income has jumped from around $50 monthly to $105.

On the staff of the Second Street branch are two professional workers, a janitor and a maid and two parttime workers. Until recently, there was only Perkins and the janitor. A boy's work secretary was added to the staff only this year. The budget has been increased from $2,700 to over $5,000 since Perkins came to the Negro "Y" here as executive secretary.

Many improvements have been made and the program has been broadened, but the lack of facilities other than those in the "Y" building.

Dr. Payton F. Anderson On National 'Y' Council

People's Voice - New York, N.Y.
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Dr. Peyton F. Anderson, unanimously elected one of two representatives to the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, is the first Negro to be elected to the council from New York City. He will take to the council an experience born of 12 years of service in the Harlem Branch YMCA, during which he served as chairman of the board of managers.

He is also a member of the newly organized Vocational Guidance Service, which brings into one central office and under one board, all of the vocational guidance and placement work of the YMCA of New York.

In his professional career he has rendered service in the following capacities: as a member of the board of directors of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association; as a member of the board of directors of the New York Urban League; for eleven years a member of the staff of the Seaview Hospital, the only Negro with the rank of visiting physician in the state of New York. 2-5-44

He served as physician in charge of the Lower Harlem Chest Clinic for five years. He is now associate chairman of the Harlem Tuberculosis and Health Association and is serving on the staff of the Lower Harlem Chest Clinic.

PROJECT
Weekly Review, Birm., Ala.
June 3, 1944

YMCA ADVISORY BOARD APPROVES BUILDING

During the past week the Advisory Board of the YMCA's work program, went on record as approving the purchase of the old St. Mark School building for a start-in building project for colored in Birmingham.

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A sub-committee composed of Chairman S. J. Bennett, Rev. Perry, and C. W. Askew was instructed to go forward n working out a plan to raise some $125,000 to renovate the building. This includes the purchase price of around $16,000. The Episcopal church has invested in the project around fifty thousand dollars, but is willing to let that go as a sort of contribution to the effort. The $15,000 purchase figure was predicated on an agreement that the property will be used for YMCA purposes. Effort will be made to raise the money among Negroes.

The YMCA's Century with Youth 1844-1944

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

VII The YMCA today

YMCA 1944
SERVING MANY MILLIONS OF YOUTH AT THE FRONTS, IN PRISON CAMPS, IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, AND IN A THOUSAND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, THE YMCA ENTERS ITS ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR OF SERVICE.
6-21-44
IN THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR, IN NORTH AMERICA ALONE, THE ASSOCIATION HAS 1400 BRANCHES.--SERVING MILLIONS OF MEMBERS WITH RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL PROGRAMS.
"I was in prison, and ye visited me."
CONSIDER THE CONTRAST - GEORGE WILLIAMS, GATHERING HIS ELEVEN FELLOW CLERKS ON JUNE 6, 1844, TO FOUND A "YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION" AND -
TODAY'S WORLD ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHED IN 68 COUNTRIES AND ON EVERY CONTINENT, WITH 10,000 ASSOCIATIONS WHICH HAVE SERVED UNCOUNTED MILLIONS OF MEMBERS.
EXCEPT FOR THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT, THE YMCA TRIANGLE IS THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED RELIGIOUS SYMBOL.
6-21-44
FITTINGLY, THE YOUNG DRAPER'S CLERK, WHO FOUNDED ALL THIS, LIES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY, BESIDE LORD NELSON AND THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON!
THE TOMB OF SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS IN WESTMINSTER ABB

One Hundred Years Of The "Y"

Daily World - Atlanta, Ga. 5-21-44

The Young Men's Christian Association was founded by George Williams of London for "improving the spiritual conditions of young men." It was conceived on a Sunday afternoon in May, 1844, with 12 men of various religious faiths, participating. The four original phases of the Association's objectives included prayer, Bible classes, Evangelism, and Personal growth of individuals.

In America the work of the Association was begun in 1851. Work for Negroes was begun in 1888. Basketball and volley ball were organized and made popular by the Y. The Y. initiated the organization of the world student federation. It has been a pioneer in a number of other important respects.

Though technically the official celebration of the One Hundredth anniversary will not begin until June 6, citizens of Atlanta have gone forward with the celebration in order to steer clear of other pressing programs which will claim the time and attention of those of us who may be engaged in the various commencement programs of our local institutions. The programs and speakers thus far under the auspices of the Butler Street Branch of the Association have been a credit to the name and achievements of the organization in its long history. Local citizens have been to see the Y as a living, vital and necessary character-building agent in this community. The history of the Butler Street branch is fascinating. Organized in 1894, J. S. Brandon its first president and H. B. Weatherby, secretary, the Branch has had a more or less colorful span

of development. In 1918 the present building was erected. But it remained until the past November for its final completion. Our Atlanta Branch has moved steadily forward until today, it has perhaps reached its most fruitful era of public confidence, support and all around operation. One may observe a sharp upturn in the improvement of the conduct of especially, the young boys and young men, who avail themselves of its services. Instead of a hang-out joint for our boys of questionable ways and designs, the Butler Street Branch has come to be regarded as the refuge for the boys and young men of all families who want to see their children develop into strong, youthful and honest leaders of tomorrow. 5-21-44

The Association enters, therefore, upon its second century of world-wide service with over 10,000 branch Associations in 66 different countries and on every continent of the globe. Operating under the motto: Mind, spirit and body, the Association may well be proud of its record in these three essential phases of the man over the past hundred years.

To Meet On Negro YM

Charlotte, N. C., News

8-22-44

Officials and staff members of the Charlotte YMCA and the E. Second St. Branch of the 'YM' will meet tomorrow at noon in Hanna Hall to hear R. L. Rayburn of New York discuss and outline plans for the new building for the E. Second St. Branch, which will go up in the post-war period. The announcement was made today by Lex Kluttz, general secretary of the 'Y.'

Mr. Rayburn, who is director of the Building Bureau of the National Council of the YMCA, came to Charlotte once before, in 1938, to confer with the Charlotte YMCA on its $100,000 modernization project. 5-22-44

Attending the meeting tomorrow will be trustees, the board of management, and the staff of the E. 2nd St. branch; and the committee on co-operation and the general staff of the YMCA. Francis O. Clarkson is chairman of this committee.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, representatives from this noon meeting will confer with the Capital Accounts Advisory Committee in the offices of the War and Community Chest. Duncan Tillett is chairman of this Chest Committee. 5-22-44

Mr. Kluttz, in making today's announcement, pointed out that last Spring these same representatives of the 'YM' met with the advisory committee of the War and Community Chest. At that time, the great need for a new building for the E. 2nd St. Branch of the 'YM' was evident, and it was suggested that Mr. Rayburn come to Charlotte for a conference. Following that meeting in the Spring, W. Irving Bullard went to New York at the request of Mr. Clarkson, and saw Mr. Rayburn.

2 Local Youths Honored by National YMCA Group

Afro American — Baltimore, Md.

7-22-44

BALTIMORE

John McCutcheon, 14, 1513 Presstman Street, and Charles Gilmore (right), 13, 1062 N. Fayette Street, this week, became the first members of the Druid Hill YMCA to qualify for the National Association of Junior Leaders' Corps.

The youths received recognition from a test designed to show ability in instructing and promoting games, knowing the theofy of physical education, having leadership ability and being capable of executing skill in various events.

The organization is composed of youths from YMCA branches throughout the country who while serving as junior leaders, demonstrate the finest qualities.

Instruct Younger Boys

Word was received by Ezra Murdock, physical education director, that the two youths had passed the examination and have been accepted as members. Serving for two years as leaders at the branch, they instruct and promote games for younger boys.

McCutcheon, a pupil at Booker T. Washington Junior High School, attends Morning Star Baptist Church, while Gilmore, a 9-B pupil at Douglass High School, is a member of Solomon Baptist Church. 7-22-44

Others in the leaders' group are:

Ellsworth Marshall, Cecil Cooper, James Parker, and Charles Weaver.

Lawrence Peterson, Frederick Jones, Rudolph Jones, Charles Robinson, Allen Heath, Vernon Hutchins:

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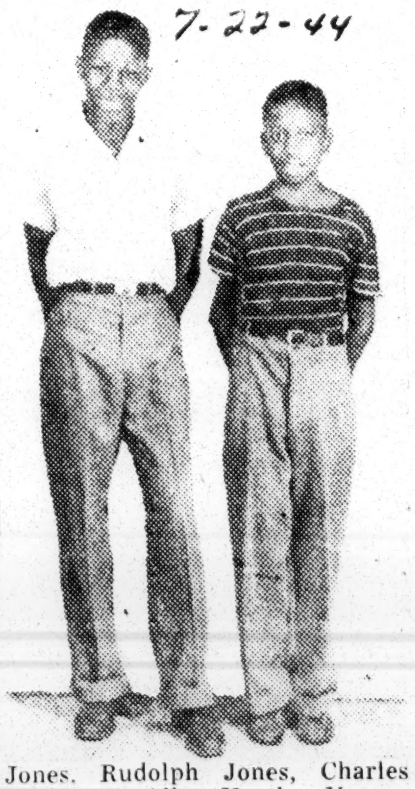

Ten "Y" Commandments

The Whip — Miami, Fla.

Among the many suggestions advanced for improving relationships among various minority racial and religious groups in America is a set of ten commandments outlined by members of one of the men's clubs of the Detroit Central YMCA. The gesture represents a healthy trend in the right direction. 8-26-44

Here in brief are the ten commandments which the local "Y" club members recommend. Read them and try to make Detroit a better place to live in, by putting them into practice:

Ten Commandments Of Race Relations

1. I will not characterize any group of people by its less desirable members.
2. I wil not believe or repeat rumors about any group of people.
3. Being a member of a minority group myself, I will treat a member of any other minority group as I want him to treat me.
4. I will not falsely accuse any minority group.
5. I will judge every person according to his merit.
6. I will support the right of every person to be treated as a human being.
7. I will recognize the right of other groups ideals, customs, and habits which are different from mine.
8. I will seek to obtain equal social, political, and economic opportunity, for all peoples and groups. 8-26-44
9. I will try to make real friendships among members of other races, colors, and creeds.
10. I pledge to make this a better world in which to live — for everyone.

The Detroit Tribune heartily endorses this movement. It is our earnest hope that many thousands of Detroit citizens of the different racial and religious minorities may give it their wholehearted support by personally dedicating themselves to the pledges suggested. Such action would eradicate much of the existing racial animosity and religious intolerance in this and other cities where strained human relationships prevail.

100 YEARS OF THE YMCA

Afro American - Baltimore - Md. - 6-17-44

The Young Men's Christian Association, organized by George Williams in London, June 6, 1844, celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary last week.

In a resume of its accomplishments in the United States, officials stated that the YMCA had opened its doors to every creed and color; then added, there are seventy-one YMCA's for colored people, and many white Y's have no color line.

The Y has produced national figures like Channing Tobias, Robert DeFrantz and the late W. H. Hunton. But it has not been able to hold equally self-sacrificing, dynamic and freedom-loving men like Max Yergan. And it never will until it drops its color line.

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One Hundred Fifty Delegates Attend Y. Youth Conference

Argus — St. Louis, Mo.
3-24-44

The annual Y Youth Conference came to a close Sunday March 19 with a record breaking attendance, 150 delegates coming from thirty four churches, clubs and youth organizations.

Herbert J. King, the Conference guest was a real challenge to these young people. He not only geared their thinking but, gave good examples of what young people can believe in today.

One cannot forget those discussion groups led by Mr. C. H. Anderson on Race Relation; Mr. A. S. Jackson on Teenage Problems and Mr. Ruffin on Post War Thinking.

Sunday morning the Y Lobby was a source of inspiration. In spite of the sleet and snow delegates were here ready to open up the businesss session which was most ably handled by the Conference president, Fred Ford. The highlight of this session was the election of officers for 1945. They are Fred Ford, president, representing the Sumner Hi-Y Club; vice president, Edward Tripp, Washington Tabernacle; recording secretary, Bessie Ward, Pilgrim Rest; corresponding secretary, Marion Watt, Girl Reserve; reporter, Claraetta Thompkins, Antioch Baptist and Sgt.-at-Arms Charles Jackson, Sumner Hi-Y.

8-24-44

Pilgrimage to Washington Tabernacle Baptist church for the Sunday morning conference message by the Rev. J. E. Nance was most gratifying. His message "What can you believe in," was full of high hopes for the future.

In the closing hours of the Conference a fine dinner was served by the Pine Street Y Cafeteria, under the supervision of Mrs. Ruby Amos and Mrs. Lucinda Rice. Mrs. Helen McCain and Mrs. Allen, aided in the serving.

J. O. Turner, Herbert King and the Douglass High School Choir under the direction of Kenneth Billups, brought to a close one of the most impressive "Y" Youth Conferences which closed with the Circle of Friendship.

Negro Elected 'YM' Chairman

Amsterdam News
New York, N.Y.
4-22-44

William R. Jackson Heads Association of Secretaries

NEWARK, N. J.—For the first time in the history of the Y. M. C. A. movement in the United States, a Negro was elected chairman of an area Association of Secretaries at a meeting of the Atlantic Area Y. M. C. A. A. O. S. meeting at the Trenton Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday afternoon, when William R. Jackson, executive secretary of the Court Street Branch, was so honored.

This group, which is the professional society of Y. M. C. A. secretaries, represents all the secretaries from the entire states of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Included in this group are approximately 198 white and 27 Negro members. The organization has to do with the professional development and growth of Y. M. C. A. men from the Atlantic area in their respective jobs.

Mr. Jackson, the new president, has been Executive Secretary of the Court Street Y. M. C. A. since September 1941. Before that time he was Community Extension Secretary at the Carlton Avenue Branch in Brooklyn, N. Y. He scored another first for his race in 1942 when he was appointed as a member of the Newark Board of Education. He is still actively serving in this post.